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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

MÖCKEL et al.

Group Art Unit: 1652

Appln. No.: 09/725,178

Examiner: R. HUTSON

Filed: November 29, 2000

Title: NOVEL NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING THE GPM GENE

January 22, 2003

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated October 22, 2002, wherein (1) the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, (2) the abstract was the subject of an objection, and (3) claim 6 was the subject of an objection. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.

I. AMENDMENT

Prior to further action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

D1
Sub E1